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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed October 12, 2000, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is kindly solicited. Filed herewith are Exhibits A and B, a Fee Transmittal Sheet and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by three months to and including **April 12, 2001**.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice.

A marked up version of the following amended claims are attached as Exhibit A.

Please amend Claims 1, 3 and 4 to read as follows:

B1
SUB
D1

1. (Amended) A synthetic oligonucleotide comprising a contiguous stretch of at least about 15 nucleotides of at least one of SEQ ID NOS:9-13, 15, 17, 18.